

## Message Text

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TAGS: CVIS,PL

SUBJ: VISA FEES: RECIPROCITY

REF: WARSAW 1459; MARCH 29, 1973 AND PREVIOUS

1. DURING OCT 18 MEETING WITH VICE-DIRECTOR OF MFA CONSULAR DEPARTMENT, CHIEF OF CONSULAR SECTION REMINDED MFA OF EMBASSY'S MAY 22 NOTE OFFERING RECIPROCAL ELIMINATION OF ALL NIV FEES. VICE-DIRECTOR RESPONDED ORALLY TO NOTE AT MEETING ON DEC 5, STATING THAT AT MOMENT (VICE-DIRECTOR'S EMPHASIS), IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO ELIMINATE FEES IN THESE CATEGORIES, BUT THAT THE MATTER WAS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION.

2. EMBASSY FEELS THAT THE QUESTION OF FEES HAS BEEN UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR MUCH LONGER THAN A REASONABLE TIME WITHOUT ANY RESULTS, AND THAT LATEST MFA STATEMENT AMOUNTS TO A PUT-OFF. TO ELIMINATE THE INEQUITIES WHICH OUR EXEMPTION OF POLISH SERVICE PASSPORTS FROM FEES HAS CREATED, PARTICULARLY FOR BUSINESSMEN, AND TO ENCOURAGE THE GOP TO TAKE A HARDER LOOK AT ITS VISA FEE STRUCTURE, THE EMBASSY PROPOSES THAT THE DEPARTMENT REVISE NOTE 3 TO THE APPENDIX C SCHEDULE FOR POLAND FROM THE PRESENT "DIPLOMATIC, MINISTERIAL AND SERVICE" TO "DIPLOMATIC AND MINISTERIAL, AND SERVICE PASSPORTS PRESENTED BY APPLICANTS WHO HAVE BEEN INVITED BY DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT." THIS WOULD ENABLE THE EMBASSY TO

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STATES GOVERNMENT." THIS WOULD ENABLE THE EMBASSY TO

CHARGE FEES TO POLISH BUSINESSMEN VISITING PRIVATE COMPANIES, AND AT THE SAME TIME PROPERLY ALLOW THE ISSUANCE OF GRATIS VISAS TO INDIVIDUALS SUCH AS THOSE VISITING USG AGENCIES UNDER THE PL-480 PROGRAM.

3. THE EMBASSY PROPOSES THAT THE GOP BE NOTIFIED OF THE CHANGE BY NOTE TO THE MFA STATING THAT, AS OF A GIVEN DATE (ONE-MONTH NOTICE), THE EMBASSY WILL CHARGE APPROPRIATE VISA FEES TO THE BEARERS OF SERVICE PASSPORTS, OTHER THAN THOSE EXCEPTED ABOVE. EMBASSY WOULD TAKE NOTE OF GOP'S CONTINUING CONSIDERATION OF VISA-FEE PROBLEM AND WOULD REITERATE THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO ELIMINATE NON-IMMIGRANT FEES ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS AT ANY TIME.

4. THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ARE REQUESTED.  
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